

## **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction**

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

Our common ground is our New Wisconsin Promise – our commitment to ensure the opportunity of a quality education for every child.

- Closing the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students, students of color and their peers.
- Quality teachers in every classroom and strong leadership in every school.
- Improving student achievement with a focus on reading and a balanced literacy standard that has all students reading at or above grade level.
- Investing in early learning opportunities through the four-year-old kindergarten, Preschool to Grade 5, and SAGE class size reduction programs.
- Shared responsibility increasing parental and community involvement in our schools and libraries to address teenage literacy, drop-outs and truancy.
- Career and Technical Education as a comprehensive strategy to involve students in becoming active citizens by better understanding their role in the family, society, and the world of work.
- Providing effective pupil services, special education, and prevention programs to support learning and development for all students while preventing and reducing barriers to student success.